

Wednesday e-Folder



To Jesus through Mary

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL

DECEMBER 6, 2017

To Pray and Ponder

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December Focus – Luminous Mysteries

December Virtue of the Month – Joy

Each of us has experienced a defining moment in life – a moment by which we divided our life into what was before the moment and what followed the moment. Perhaps it was a wedding day or a day of profession or ordination. Perhaps it was the death of someone whom we loved. Perhaps it was graduation from college or the first day of a career. In whatever circumstance, we could characterize the timeline as BE (before event) and AE (after event). The first Luminous Mystery – the Baptism of the Lord – was such an event in the life of Jesus. This mystery marks the close of his private life and the beginning of his public ministry. This significant occurrence is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Following his baptism, Jesus moves from BE to AE in his work and relationships. The beginning of Advent this Sunday marks the start of a new liturgical year. It can be, if we choose, a defining moment to turn from where we are to where we wish to be. A simple resolution can make all the difference in our personal BE and AE. Let us pause this first week of Advent and ponder how we wish to begin the new year.

“During Advent we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life that is presented each day with its newness.” Pope Francis

Calendar Events

Wednesday, 12/6

4:00 pm Girls Basketball **home** vs. Worcester Prep

5:00 pm Boys Basketball **home** vs. Worcester Prep

Friday, 12/8

4:00 pm Girls Basketball **away** @ Worcester Prep

5:00 pm Boys Basketball **away** @ Worcester Prep

Monday, 12/11

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. The Country School

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. The Country School

7:00-8:00 pm Choir Fundraising Performance at Sweet Frog

Wednesday, 12/13

4:00 pm Girls Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

5:00 pm Boys Basketball home vs. Salisbury School

Thursday, 12/14

6:30 School Christmas Pageant in Church (performers from grades Prek-3 arrive by 6:00 pm)

Friday, 12/15

10:30 am Choir Caroling at Anchorage Nursing Home

Friday, 12/22

8:15 am Advent Prayer Service

11:00 am set up for Masses in Parish Center

Dismissal at **NOON- no aftercare**

From the Principal

Tardiness- Students who arrive in the building after **8:10** am are tardy. Students who are late need to report to the main office to be signed in. We have begun the second trimester of school and everyone has a clean slate. Once a student has received 4 unexcused tardies they will serve recess detention. Of course, doctor and dentist appointments are excused.

Pick-up and drop off- Safety is a top priority. You should be using your **hands free** device as you come through the pick-up or drop off line if you must be on your phone. (NO TEXTING or holding the phone to talk) This is a Maryland State Law. All drivers need to be attentive to children entering and leaving cars at all times. Also, do not turn and pull up close to the school building when you are running late in the morning. Rather, you should be parking in either the church lot or in a space next to the chapel.

Choir Performance/Fundraiser- Our choir will perform between 7:00 and 8:00 pm on Monday, December 11th at Sweet Frog, 2721 North Salisbury Blvd. near Best Buy. We will receive 20% of all sales made during this time. Come out and support the choir's fundraiser!

Christmas Pageant –Our wonderful Pre-K through 3rd grade students will present our annual school Christmas pageant in the church at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 14th. Students who are performing should arrive by 6:00pm.

Re-enrollment: We are so excited that more than 60% of current families have taken advantage of the reduced registration fee in the month of November! We appreciate your commitment and faith in Catholic Schools. Please be reminded that **after January 1st the registration fee will increase** from \$50 per student to \$75 and we will be enrolling new families.

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program- The Diocese of Wilmington has begun to accept applications for tuition assistance for the 2018-19 school year. In order to be considered for assistance, families must be registered for the coming school year. We will be sending this information in hard copy form this week with youngest student in each family. You can also access the parent letter from the Diocese and the application information from this e-folder. [CLICK HERE](#)

Home and School Association

Santa Social Fundraiser

Please join us at 8:30 am on **Sunday, December 10th** for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, kids crafts, and of course photos with Santa. We'll also have vendor tables so you can wrap up your holiday shopping, along with our ever-popular kids shopping area – where kids can shop for their family members all on their own!

As you begin to decorate for Christmas, please consider re-homing some of your old Christmas décor, costume jewelry, books, and other small treasures to the kids shopping area. We are also seeking donations of tissue paper, bows, gift tags and bags, and tape. These items can be dropped off at the school up until Friday, December 8th.

We will need lots of help during this event. If you'd like to sign up to help, please use the following link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0945a4a72ba6fc1-santa>

HSA DUES

If you haven't paid your dues yet for the year, please send in your check to the school. The dues are set at \$15/child this year and the money goes directly to our homeroom moms to use for class activities and the auction project. Please make all checks payable to SFDS HSA. We will also be collecting at afternoon pickups on Fridays and during all our school events.

AFTERCARE

1. Turn in Emergency Cards and/or your Health Inventory forms if you haven't done so.
2. Make sure you are up to date with payments by the end of the month. (No invoices are sent.)
3. **Aftercare is currently full.** We will take names for a waiting list should space become available later in the year.

The Performing Arts

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Music Man-Eighth graders have begun rehearsing for their annual play!

Parish Community Partnership

Parish- Did you know that the Parish has a new mobile app? [Click here](#) for instructions to download to your mobile device.

Joseph House Ministries- the Joseph House is still in need of food such as canned turkeys, hams and other non-perishables. Donations will be picked up in the church on December 17th.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS -

December 9th Confirmation Meeting-After 5:30 Mass in School Hall

December 15th Next Deadline OC Rally, Jan. 5th - 7th – \$100 Includes Hotel. Fantastic Music and Speakers!

December 16th Youth Christmas party Grinch style/Ugly socks, shirts, anything! 6:30 p.m. Elephant gift exchange. Make sure your item is in good shape!

Appalachia Service Project Students –Schedule your volunteer hours! Contact Joe or Casey Flanagan at iflanagan771@gmail.com.